

STATE ARMORY BOARD
March 31, 2021

The State Armory Board (SAB) convened at 10:34 Wednesday morning, March 31, 2021, in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of Building One, Indiana Joint Forces Headquarters at Stout Field, 2002 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, in compliance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) meeting guidelines; pursuant to notices given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MG (Ret) R. Martin Umbarger—President
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry—Vice-President
BG R. Dales Lyles—the Adjutant General (TAG)—Secretary-Treasurer
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney—Member
MSG (Ret) Donivan J. Mahuron—Member
COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick—Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott R. Collins—Director, State Operations
COL (Ret) John Silva—Controller
Mrs. Mary Carrico—Director, State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mrs. Cat Carroll—Deputy Director, State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mr. James Mahern—Director, State Facilities Office
Ms. Bianca Kearby—Legislative Liaison
Mr. Jeremy LaFountain—Facilities Operations Supervisor
Mr. Jason Thompson—General Counsel, Adjutant General's Office
COL Steve Hines—Construction Facilities Management Officer
LTC Elizabeth Murphy—Staff Judge Advocate
LTC Adam Tscherne
LTC Michael Hull
1LT Jovanni Springer—Aide de Camp to the Adjutant General
Ms. Teresa Mankin—National Guard Association of Indiana
Ms. Mary Barbee—Recorder

THOSE ABSENT:

BG Timothy Winslow—Director, Joint Staff
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman—Field Auditor

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Meeting was made by Colonel Courtney, seconded by Colonel Warrick, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel Silva briefed the Board on their financial status of funds. As of March 24th, the balance of the State Armory Board checking account was \$2,409,119.63; Accounts Receivable since the January 21st meeting were \$32,616.74: giving the Board Current Assets of \$2,441,736.37

The Board's seven (7) Certificates of Deposit total \$900,000.00; with the United Fidelity Bank's certificate being rolled over for eighteen (18) months with a 0.65 percent rate of return.

Total Liabilities for the State Armory Board are \$671,317.87 The two hundred thirty thousand dollar (\$230,000.00) increase in Liabilities since the last meeting is the result of taking on the funds required for the modernization and upgrade to the North Vernon Steam Plant at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), located in Butlerville, Indiana.

Colonel Silva then directed the Board's attention to the second Balance Sheet, indicating it was for the Special Programs Account, which is the account for the Cyber Academy, located at MUTC. The Balance of that account is \$109,551.19.

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Sergeant Mahuron, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

5. MRS. MARY CARRICO WILL PROVIDE A STATE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING UPDATE.

Mrs. Carrico indicated there were no new contracts the Board needed to sign.

Mrs. Carrico provided the Board with a brief, stating the directorate has undertaken an electronic approach for all contracts and purchases, stating this would allow for better transparency and modernization for the agency.

6. MR. JASON THOMPSON WILL APPROACH THE BOARD WITH A RELEASE OF RESERVATION OF RIGHTS REQUEST FROM THE JAY COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION. SUPPORTED BY INDIANA CODE (IC) 10-16-1-3-13.

Mr. Thompson approached the Board with a request from the Jay County School Corporation to remove a reverter clause which was included in the transfer of the former Portland, Indiana Armory. Mr. Thompson explained to the Board, the Jay County School Corporation received an offer from a third-party to purchase the former Portland Armory; however, the logistics firm which is interested in the property would like for the State Armory Board to release its Reservation of Rights which stated an office be maintained by the Indiana National Guard for recruiting purposes. The interested logistics firm has indicated they would like to purchase the property from the Jay County School Corporation; however, the reverter clause prevents them from doing so.

Motion to approve the removal of the reverter clause to allow the Jay County School Corporation to sell the former Portland Armory was made by General Henry, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

7. MR. JASON THOMPSON WILL APPROACH THE BOARD CONCERNING AN EASEMENT ON THE LINTON ARMORY PROPERTY. SUPPORTED BY INDIANA CODE (IC) 10-16-1-3-13.

Mr. Thompson explained to the Board the City of Linton is undertaking a memorial bike/pedestrian path along a portion of state Road 54, connecting the Greene County Hospital's main commissary to the A.M. Risher Aquatic Center; however, a portion of the proposed walkway would cross through the Linton National Guard Armory's property.

The City of Linton has asked for an easement on the western and eastern sides of the Linton National Guard Armory. Mr. Thompson explained to the Board the documentation which the City of Linton sent him requires further discussion regarding the armory's driveway, and the armory's property rights.

General Lyles indicated that he would like to have a closed-door session to further discuss the bike/walkway path and the pending required easement before a final decision is made to move forward with the project.

8. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADAM TSCHERNE WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH IVENERGY SERVICES REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOLAR FARM IN THE KNIGHTSTOWN AREA.

Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne indicated there has been no agreement made with Invenergy as they are still in discussion regarding the project, with Jason Thompson. Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne stated Invenergy would like for the Board to sign a fifty-five (55) year lease with their company as this is the amount of time they feel the solar panels will last before needing to be replaced. Invenergy has indicated their plans are to provide a leasing opportunity which will include putting solar panels on the ground and providing energy; there has been no confirmation that Invenergy will do anything other than collect energy from the sun and sell it; this indicates there will be no form of discount to the Knightstown, Indiana area for the energy they could potentially receive.

Mr. Thompson stated he has met with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and rest of the Invenergy leadership team; they have already secured the rights to approximately one thousand (1,000) acres of land in the Knightstown area. Invenergy does not need our property to move forward with their project; however, Mr. Thompson said they would like to have it.

Mr. Collins indicated there is interest by a local firm that would like to inquire as to the availability of the barn and pasture which was formerly utilized by the Indiana Ceremonial Unit, he stated the Facilities department is looking at options.

Mr. Thompson concluded his brief by saying the farmer renting from the Board would continue its operation until a decision has been made.

9. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADAM TSCHERNE WILL UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE CYBER ACADEMY LOCATED AT MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER (MUTC) IN BUTLERVILLE, INDIANA.

Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne brief the Board regarding the Ivy Tech Community College Cyber Academy located at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), located in Butlerville, Indiana. He stated the relationship between the Guard and IVY Tech has been getting better. There are twenty-three (23) students scheduled to begin the program at the onset of cohort four (4), emphasizing there are six (6) members of the Guard enrolled in the upcoming cohort.

Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne stated the average salary for an individual with a cyber-security degree is at least \$37 per hour, an annual salary of \$76,000. He also stated if a student wanted to pursue a baccalaureate with

Western Governor's University (WGU) they would have received 60 percent of the required courses through Ivy Tech; should the student choose Vincennes University, they would have completed 50 percent of courses required for the higher degree in cyber security. He further indicated there is an on-line presence of recruiting information, as well as information located in National Guard armories and colleges/universities' Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs.

10. MR. JASON THOMPSON WILL BRIEF THE BOARD CONCERNING CHANGES TO INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD REGULATION 210-1: OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL ARMORY BOARDS.

Mr. Thompson informed the Board the nearly two (2) year process of updating Indiana National Guard Regulation 210-1 is nearly completed. He emphasized there would not be a vote on the regulation at this meeting; but he did want to make the Board aware the areas covered in the regulation are:

- a. Local Armory Boards and their function
- b. Local Armory Board Management
- c. Local Armory Board Funds
- d. Asset Management
- e. Building Service Workers
- f. Local Armory Board Property

Mr. Thompson indicated the past version was grossly outdated and the revised version would be electronically forwarded to Board members to review prior to its publication.

11. MRS. BIANCA KEARBY WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN INDIANA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

Mrs. Kearby approached the Board with concerns regarding an increased understanding of the National Guard as it pertains to members of the Indiana Legislature. She expressed a desire to better educate elected officials through a series of one-on-one meetings with state lawmakers; she indicated General Lyles has already met with eleven (11) key lawmakers, including President Pro Tempore of the Senate Rodric Bray and Majority Leader Mark Messmer. Mrs. Kearby stated after meetings at the Indiana Capitol Building, TAG would invite legislators to come to armories in their district to meet with commanders for lunch and discuss National Guard operations. She also indicated this could possibly be a recruiting tool as legislators have at their disposal mass-mailings to their districts which can include mention of their visit to the armories. She indicated she estimates the total costs for these lunches to be around on thousand (1,000) dollars.

General Lyles stated he would allocate the monies from his present public relations budget; but wanted to let the Board know about his plan to meet with legislators one-on-one.

Motion to approve use of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the Adjutant General's Public Relations Fund was made by General Henry, seconded by Sergeant Mahuron, and carried.

12. A BRIEFING CONCERNING THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA (NGAI) WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

General Lyles address the Board concerning his desire to strengthen the relationship between the Indiana National Guard and its retirees. He stated there has been a disconnect between the Alumni Association and the National Guard—it is his desire to strengthen that connection through an additional position within the National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) which would be filled, possibly by a State of Indiana employee.

Ms. Teresa Mankin, Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) informed the Board of the association's location at Tyndall Armory and stated they are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which advocates for the Indiana National Guard. She indicated the NGAI advocates for the Guard through its annual conferences; the next being held from April 8th through the 10th at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis; she believes this conference could be used as a "springboard" to grow membership in the NGAI, as membership assists in getting bills passed through Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Mankin stressed the desire to offer NGAI membership to current, former, and future members of the Indiana National Guard; she stressed membership dues would still be required for persons who desired membership within the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) or the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), but membership in those organizations is not a requirement of the NGAI.

General Lyles stated he would like to work in conjunction with the Director of State Operations (Mr. Scott R. Collins) to secure a State of Indiana employee to work under the NGAI frame to get the relationship between the National Guard and its veterans off the ground.

13. MR. SCOTT R. COLLINS WILL DISCUSS THE PASSING OF ROC AT THE WOODS EQUESTRIAN CENTER ON FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

Mr. Collins informed the Board, on February 28, 2021, Indiana Ceremonial Unit horse, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Roc was discovered expired in a pasture located at The Woods Equestrian Center in Columbus, Indiana. Mr. Collins stated commander of the Ceremonial Unit, Colonel Felicia Brokaw issued a Memorandum for Record covering the death of SFC Roc. In her memorandum, Colonel Brokaw stated she and the Ceremonial Unit leadership have not lost confidence in the vendor managing and operating the stable there is no immediate impact on operations due to the loss of a single horse.

Mr. Collins went on to say there are various types of missions rendered by the Ceremonial Unit; therefore, a request for replacement may be presented to the State Armory Board in the near future. Mr. Collins also state the veterinarian has diagnosed Rex with an advanced form of arthritis and an assessment of the effects of the disease on the animal will be a factor in securing a second horse.

Colonel Courtney indicated she was a firm supporter of moving the horses to their current location in Columbus, and was curious if anyone had determined why SFC Roc died. General Lyles suggested he died from natural causes, indicating Colonel Brokaw felt the move exacerbated existing problems. She had asked the veterinarian, who said a new environment always places stress on an animal; however, Colonel Brokaw additionally submitted a Memorandum for Record and State Form 15-6 discussing the passing of the horse. General Lyles told the Board they should expect a request from the Ceremonial Unit to purchase two (2) horses at a later date.

14. MR. JERRY HARTLEY WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE OAK TREE AT THE JOHNSON COUNTY ARMORY LOCATED IN FRANKLIN, INDIANA.

Mr. Hartley provided the Board an update on the White Oak tree on the property of the Johnson County Armory, located in Franklin, Indiana. He stated since the Board entered into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Purdue University, it has been discovered the trees former central leader had broken several years ago, leaving a cavity which extends ten (10) feet into the central trunk. According to Mr. Hartley, the opening of the cavity and extent of decay is not evident from the ground.

Mr. Hartley further informed the Board of the maintenance, protection, and monitoring of the tree would include repairing and reinstalling the lightening protection, cabling and bracing the tree, and an annual inspection of the tree by an arborist. Part of this process will include Purdue approaching

the tree with an arborist lift to clear away some of the terminal decay which could not be reached otherwise as the risk would be too high to the arborist.

Colonel Warrick expressed interest in the condition and age of the tree. General Umbarger said he believed the tree was a sapling in 1174. Mr. Hartley stated the tree is in remarkable health and condition; therefore, there is no threat of it dying soon. He believed there was a coring done on the tree which, along with historical records and recollections indicate the tree was standing in 1774. He further stated the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has a large tree competition for a champion tree plaque if the Board was interested in entering the competition.

15. COLONEL STEVE HINES AND MR. JAMES MAHERN WILL DISCUSS AN UPDATE ON THE HAMILTON COUNTY ARMORY, LOCATED IN ATLANTA, INDIANA.

Colonel Hines informed the Board there are no known issues of challenges to the progress of the Hamilton County Armory. He states there are state dollars lined up for the design and construction, as well as federal funding in place for design. He estimated twenty-five (25) percent of the design would be completed in June, with the complete design ready in July of 2022. He stated actual construction of the armory would take place in 2023 as anticipated.

General Lyles asked if the land had already been surveyed and asked for the cost of the project to which Colonel Hines stated the land survey had been done on the 4th of March, 2021, and the cost of the project would be around twenty-seven (27) million dollars. Mr. Mahern emphasized the state had set aside nearly three million (2.9).

Once completed, the Hamilton County Armory will house the units currently at Elwood, Kokomo, Marion, and possibly the Cyber Battalion.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No visitors were present at the meeting.

17. REMARKS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

General Lyles provided a brief to the Board on the status of the Indiana National Guard. He stated his brief would be short, so members did not have to sit through it all again during his brief at NGAI. Mass vaccination sites are

the focus of both the Air and Army National Guard, and that process has been going phenomenally well.

General Lyles intends to start up the State Partnership Program (SSP) as soon as he can; he has already had conversations with his points of contact from Slovakia and Niger.

Former Indiana National Guard member Robert Burk has been promoted to the Fifth Corps' Deputy Commander at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The U.S. Air Force is still considering making Terre Haute's Hulman Field proper an F-35 military sales training center, and their decision should be made soon.

General Lyles stated strength is at the strongest it has been in quite a while. He also stated the 76th Brigade is approved for KFOR and two (2) locations in the Saini area for fiscal year 2023.

There being no further business to conduct, motion was made by Colonel Courtney to adjourn the March 31st meeting of the State Armory Board. Motion was seconded by General Henry and carried at 12:35 P.M.

The next state Armory Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference room at Joint Forces Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Due to the requirements for various units which rely on the State Armory Board for their funding and budget presentations, the State Armory Board Meeting was rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 10 o'clock: Adjutant General's Conference Room—Joint Forces Headquarters.

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MG (RET) R. MARTIN UMBARGER, PRESIDENT

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BG R. DALE LYLES, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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